

**REMARKS**

Claims 7, 9 and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 13 is cancelled.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) does not add any additional claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

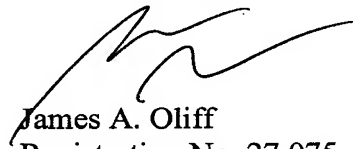
Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 7, 9 and 14.

The rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Namdaran et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,290,892, has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 13.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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